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## VIA EFILING AND HAND DELIVERY

Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

Re:

Flatel Incorporated, Complainant/Petitioner v. United Telephone Company of the

Carolinas d/b/a Embarg, Defendant/Respondent

Docket No. 2007-241-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) has been made aware that the parties in the above-captioned docket have entered negotiations in an attempt to resolve their dispute. It is ORS' understanding that both parties have consented to hold the proceeding in abeyance and to a thirty day extension for Embarq to file its answer or other responsive pleading should negotiations be unsuccessful. ORS has no objection to either of these requests.

Please do not hesitate to call should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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